

This hearing will examine the environmental issues presented when water bottling plants extract groundwater and spring water from water sources in rural communities.

Specifically, the hearing will address:

- *The broader policy context of the water bottling industry;
- *The impact on communities of water bottling plants;
- *The geological/hydrological dynamics and environmental effects of extraction on the surrounding watershed, wetlands and riparian systems;
- *The growth, practices, and policies of the water bottling industry; and
- *The adequacy of state property rights, state permitting systems, and federal regulations in addressing these issues.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

2 p.m.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

Witnesses for the December 12 hearing include:

Panel I

Mr. Bill McCann, *Save Our Groundwater*

Ms. Terry Swier, *Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation*

Mr. Richard McFarland, *McCloud Watershed Council*

Ms. Heidi Paul, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, *Nestle Waters North American, Inc.*

Panel II

Ms. Wenonah Hauter, Executive Director, *Food & Water Watch*

Professor David W. Hyndman, Department of Geological Sciences, *Michigan State University*

Professor Noah D. Hall, *Wayne State University Law School*

Mr. Joseph K. Doss, President and CEO, *International Bottled Water Association*

Mr. James Wilfong, Executive Director, *H2O for ME*

Documents and Links

- [Congressman Kucinich Opening Statement](#)

- [Richard McFarland Testimony](#)
- [Terry Swier Testimony](#)
- [Bill McCann Testimony](#)
- [Heidi Paul Testimony](#)
- [Wenonah Hauter Testimony](#)
- [David Hyndman Testimony](#)
- [Noah Hall Testimony](#)
- [Joseph Doss Testimony](#)
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